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What Did Our God Promise Us In
the Old Testament?

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Chapter Five

Contracts and Promises

Do you know what a “covenant is? It is a contract. There are eight “contracts” that we need to discuss – The Edenic, Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Palestinian, Davidic, and New.

Contracts have a variety of “clauses.” Sometimes “wormy” attorneys like to slither a slick one into place. The contracts we are going to discuss, however, all bear the imprint of the character of our God. They are all straight forward. The essential aspect of these contracts is that God has PROMISED something. The promise clauses are what affect us today and will continue into eternity.

This is very important stuff about salvation and man’s future. To understand these will give you greater insight as to the God’s plan.

One needs to understand that a “contract” (covenant) can either be --

- Unilateral – that is binding only one party to the terms of the agreement, or
- Mutual – in that it binds all parties to the agreement.

In all these contracts, God is one of the “parties.” In the Unilateral contracts, He is the only one bound. That makes these contracts Unconditional. They are based upon God’s promise to perform ONLY. The other party (man) is required to do nothing that will cause them to perform according to promise. Only God provides the input. He WILL perform His promise!

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The Covenant at Eden: Mutual or Conditional

We have seen this one in action. God and man were bound to it, man failed and there by introduced death into the world. Here is the contract:

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every

green plant for food”; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:26-31

The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Genesis 2:16-17

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The Covenant to Adam: Unilateral or Unconditional

This one God made and it will be brought about regardless of man’s obedience. The essential promise is the virgin birth of the Seed. It is the Good News, the Gospel of Salvation that Adam, Eve, Abel, Seth and all believers to Abraham believed for their salvation.

The other aspects of “ordinary” living, were not ordinary then. They were brand new and the result of Adam’s sin. These problems seem ordinary now, but they will be non-existent for those who reside with the Lord in eternity.

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.”

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return

Genesis 3:14-19

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The Covenant to Noah: Unilateral or Unconditional

This covenant is eternal – everlasting. Its points are –

1. All animal life is subject to man
 - a. All animal life is now added to the food for man list (green plants were part of the Edenic Covenant,
 - i. Cannot eat animals while still living – a form of cannibalism
2. Capital Punishment! Keep in mind that this was spoken to Noah and thereby to ALL mankind. This command is still in force as far as God is concerned. Just capital punishment is God's command. No man, government, or religious organization as the authority to overrule it. To overrule this command is to rebel against God.
 - a. Why did God say that capital punishment is proper?
 - i. *"For in the image of God He made man!"* Murder is an attack upon God!
3. Noah, his wife, his three sons (Shem, Ham, Japeth) and their wives, were all that came through the flood.
 - a. They are commanded to repopulate the earth
4. God promises Noah that NEVER again will He destroy all flesh from, or destroy, the earth by a flood
 - a. He creates a sign, the Rainbow, that each time He sees it He will be reminded of this promise.

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. "The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

"Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

"As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. "I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. "It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Genesis 9:1-17

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The Covenant to Abraham: Unilateral or Unconditional

Genesis 12:1-3 & 7; 13:14-18; 15:4-5, 13-21; 17:1-8; 18:17-19; 22:15-18 records a covenant "unilaterally" made by God with Abraham. God made it by Himself at His own initiative and it is both irrevocable and eternal. This covenant is known as the Abrahamic Covenant. In essence the covenant promises Abraham **land, seed, and blessing**.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

Genesis 13:14-17

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." Abram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens,

and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this and to possess it.” He said, “O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.

God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”

Genesis 15:1-21

Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. “I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.” Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. “No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. “I have made you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. “I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:1-8

The land is the land of Israel, but with greater dimensions than we now know it as. This land will become a very great nation, and his descendants will possess it forever. This means into eternity. The time this will come about is not defined. Abraham went to the grave without receiving the promise. However, Abraham still **LIVES!**

Jesus said of Him –

‘I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.’

Matthew 22:32

The seed is his descendants. At one point God told him that they would be as numerous as the dust of the earth, in another that they would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. The big part of this promise, though, was that ALL the nations of the earth would be blessed in his seed, BECAUSE HE (ABRAHAM) had obeyed God’s Voice. **Notice that God is calling attention to the benefits of obeying His WORD!** Adam should have paid the same attention that Abraham has paid.

So here we are Land, Seed, and Blessing. The Seed that blesses is the Lord Jesus Christ. The line of descendancy from Abraham is Isaac, Jacob, Juda, David, Mary, Jesus Christ. Of course I have left out several, but this is the lineage. Notice that God’s promise of the Seed of the woman comes to pass through this lineage as does the effective vicarious atonement.

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The Covenant to Moses: Mutual or Conditional

Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. ‘Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Exodus 19:3-6

Thus begins the section of scripture that has been identified as the Mosaic Covenant. It is, perhaps, the most misinterpreted portion of scripture.

This covenant is by and between God and His people, the nation Israel. God dictated it, and Israel embraced it, agreed to it.

Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!”

So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Exodus 24:7-8

The purpose of this covenant was to be guidance of how their nation should act, towards God, towards each other, and towards the rest of the world.

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

Galatians 3:19

Further, the Law was to be a guide to the promised Seed, Jesus Christ –

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Galatians 3:22-25

The covenant is a God centered law. Notice that it is A law, not a book of statutes. The entire covenant is ONE law. It is "sub-categorized into (a) moral, (b) civil, and (c) ceremonial law. This makes little difference, however, because if one aspect of the law was broken, the entire law was broken. It was one, not many.

For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

Galatians 3:10

The Mosaic Covenant, the Law, was never spoken to the Gentiles. It was ONLY spoken to the nation Israel. The Ten Commandments were never intended for anyone outside of the nation Israel! They are for NO ONE since Christ died upon the cross, and conquering death by rising again. The CURSE of the law has been removed by Christ. In doing this, the Gentiles were brought back into the active salvation plan. No longer were they "set aside" as they had been since Israel was created in Abraham. Abraham's blessing of ALL was now active.

But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. AND HE CAME AND

PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:13-18

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:12-14

As you will see by reading the first two chapters of the letter to the Romans, the Gentiles were guided by their consciences, the Jews by the law. Both produced condemnation of the sinner. Christ's death on the cross and resurrection to life, took away the penalty of these trespasses and forgave us, the one provision being that we must put our faith, our belief in Him as Lord.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Romans 10:12-13

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The Palestinian or "Land" Covenant

This one, also, is spoken ONLY to the nation Israel. However, as we will see later, it has an aspect that will apply to all the people of all the earth. Here are the main points of this covenant –

1. God is prophesying that the Jews will NOT keep the Mosaic Covenant and will bring upon themselves a curse. They will be hauled off into captivity. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, and others tell of this captivity.
2. The disbursement of the Jews through-out the world has yet to end. Someday, as it says here, God will return them all to the nation.
 - a. When they are returned, God will fix their hearts so that they will obey Him
 - i. We would know this today as the "New Birth" or "Born From Above" – spiritual regeneration.
 - ii. Their enemies will be punished. This is when Messiah returns –

Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

Zechariah 14:12

3. As you will be able to deduce from the next covenant, the possession of the land will, this time, be eternal.

“So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

“If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. “The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

“Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. “The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. “And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

“Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

Deuteronomy 30:1-9

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The Davidic Covenant

Here are the promises –

God is speaking to David through the prophet Nathan.

1. I will make you a great name,
2. A permanent dwelling place will be provided for God’s people, the Nation Israel,
 - a. The wicked will no longer afflict them,
 - b. We have seen these two in the Palestinian Covenant above, and as far as the dwelling place goes, this is the final permanent realization of the Abrahamic Covenant.
3. God will provide a house for David
 - a. This is referring to his descendants. David’s house will exist in name and fact eternally
4. Despite his sin and rebellion against Him, God will protect David’s immediate successor, Solomon, and allow Solomon to build the Temple.
5. God will establish David’s Throne/Kingdom to exist forever.

"Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. 'I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. 'I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. 'When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 'He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 'I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My loving kindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 'Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.' ' "

2 Samuel 7:8-16

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The New Covenant

Notice that this also is a covenant with the House of Israel. Why is it called the HOUSE of Israel? Because Israel is the name that God renamed Jacob. Jacob is the father of the nation Israel. Israel means son (man) of God. Is = ish in Hebrew for son or man, el = God. Israel is called son of God, as is Christ. Christ is of Israel.

Here are the points of this covenant –

1. God is going to write His law on their heart. In other words He is going to change them so that they have an inward desire to live according to His standards. He is going to destroy their desire for the earthly trinity of "Me, Myself, and I" or the Lust of the flesh, the Lust of the Eyes, and the boastful Pride of Life.
2. All of Israel will know him (have placed their faith in Him). No one will have to preach and proclaim His truth to them as He will have caused them to know Him within their hearts
3. He will forgive their iniquity
4. God's promises to Israel are still in effect and will forever be in effect. NOTHING has shaken them or will shake them. The promises to Israel are eternal and unshakeable. Those that are yet future for fruition WILL come about.

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I

made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Thus says the LORD,

Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name: "If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the LORD, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever."

Thus says the LORD,

"If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the LORD. "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city will be rebuilt for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. "The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah. "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD; it will not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."

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It is time to summarize these contracts.

The Edenic Covenant was mutual or conditional. Man had to obey. He could not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He rebelled and ate. This abrogated the covenant. But, some of the promises God made to man in the Edenic Covenant were reaffirmed to Noah after the flood. Man still had rule over all the earthly creation and the green food bearing plants. After the flood, though, both man and beast ceased being vegetarian and became somewhat carnivorous.

The Adamic Covenant, even though it consisted of a "judicial judgment" upon the man and Satan, was a source of great hope for mankind. It was Good News, the Gospel of Salvation, the coming of the virgin born Seed. Adam, Eve, Abel and all the Godly line down to Abraham, at least, received their salvation through belief in this coming Seed.

Besides what we have shown above with the Edenic Covenant, the Noahic Covenant gave man human government with the requirement for capital punishment for murder. This mandate is still in effect today, regardless of what any human religious leader says. The Word from God is that capital punishment is the prescription for murder. God also promises man, under this covenant to never again destroy the earth by flood.

The essentials of the Abrahamic Covenant are Land, Seed, and Blessing. The land is precisely described. This land is reserved for the nation Israel – specifically, and will be possessed by them one day for eternity.

The seed is seed and Seed. By this is meant seed as in many descendants from Abraham – numberless.

As Seed, the reference is to the coming Seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, as will be shown in the next chapter. Through him will all the “nations be blessed.” The “Seed” is the blessing part of Land, Seed, and Blessing.

It is important to keep in mind that the Mosaic Covenant was spoken ONLY to the nation Israel. It put into writing the moral, and civil law that is in all men’s conscience plus it added ceremonial law for the worship of God. The entire law was ONE law, not a book of statutes. If you were guilty of breaking one part of it, you broke it all.

The purpose of the law was at least two fold --

- As a signpost of transgressions,
- As a guide to the Promised Seed.

The Law was taken out of the way at the Cross of Christ. Christ paid the penalty and eliminated the curse of the law. It is not in effect anymore.

The Palestinian Covenant essentially did 2 things –

- Re-affirmed the promises of land to Abraham
- Adds that God will give the Israelites a supernatural change of heart.

The most important parts of the Davidic Covenant is that God promises –

- David that there will be no end to His Throne
- That God will provide him with a house from which will come the King (that King is the Seed of the woman)
- The Israelites will dwell securely in the Kingdom

The New Covenant again is spoken ONLY to Israel. However, we find in Ephesians 2 that the Lord has canceled out the enmity between God, the Jews, and the Gentiles by taking the Law out of the way. The Church is created. This Church is the body of Christ, and all true members of the Church partake in the Blessing of the New Covenant.

What is the New Covenant? Essentially it is the New Heart. A heart regenerated by the Holy Spirit in which God's rule is supreme. The lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life is replaced by the fruit of the spirit, such as love, joy, peace, mercy, patience and other like gifts from God

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Here are some important points to remember.

1. Our God is higher than are we and is totally sovereign.
2. He has a plan that will vindicate His glory
 - a. His Glory is based upon His Goodness, which is perfect
 - b. Our concepts of Glory are inadequate –
 - i. We do not even know what is good for us so should not question, second guess, or try to straighten God out.
3. With all creation and the covenants we must conclude that God has a **definite** plan-
 - a. Human tradition has no bearing or relevance,
 - b. Human philosophy has no bearing or relevance,
 - c. Human science is only good when it works with the actual created physical elements according the physical laws established by God. Anything beyond is "meta-physics" or mysticism (fairy tales.)
4. God's thoughts are beyond our comprehension unless He reveals them to us,
5. God is in control moment by moment, day by day.